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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Gundu M. Sabde and Whonchee Lee

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Title : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PLANARIZING  
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated June 23, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.